--- 1/3rd Pound - Green - “Series of 1897” - 290 x 20 mm ---

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/3rd pound green strip as follows:

RP-705 - 1/3rd pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, 290 mm. in length, with 4½ mm. red controls

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell if, and how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

These 290 mm *control-free* strips were printed by *hand press* on *vertical mesh* wove paper

RP-705n - 1/3rd pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering - ***three copies***

RP-705n - 1/3rd pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering
Stamped **Registered** and **CANCELLED** in violet ink

--- 1/3rd Pound – Green - "Series of 1897" - 290 x 20 mm. ---

--- Recess printed by *hand press* on *vertical mesh* wove - 4½ mm. *red controls* - scanned at 55% scale ---

--- RP-705 - *coarse roulette* - with the 23 mm. imprint "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **---**

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RP-705 - 1/3rd pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, 290 mm. in length, with 4½ mm. red controls

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Since these *control-numbered* strips are printed on *vertical* mesh paper, and have the same 290 mm length as the *control-free* strips, I presume that they were printed on the flat bed *hand press*.

RP-705 - 1/3rd pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, control number **333370**

333037	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333042	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333060	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333098	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333154	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333157	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333213	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333321★	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333329	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333367★	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333370★	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333387	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333463	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove
333464	RP-705	1/3rd pound, green, coarse roulette, on *vertical mesh* wove

These are all remnant strips, often appearing on eBay. There is no way to tell if ABN cycled through their control number run from **0000001** to **9999999** but, since they were printed by hand press, I would think that there was only a single run of about 333,000 strips.

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